

"JOKERS" HID REVISION UP

Actual Raising of Duties Effected by Payne Bill.

COTTON AND WOOL SCHEDULES

Both Indefensible, and President Taft Knew It—Suppression of Facts by the Tariff Board—Statistics Employed to Mislead the Public.

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New York, Aug. 2.—On not a single one of the ninety-five all cotton samples of fabric taken as the basis of the tariff board's investigations of the cotton schedule was there an actual reduction of the tariff by the Payne-Aldrich law.

The samples were selected with great care by the combined judgment of the board's experts, endorsed by the leading jobbers of the United States as being representative of all classes of fabric in use in this country, each sample being chosen because it was typical of the most used material of

tariff greater it is no doubt "right" as to the fact, but the fact is that the cotton tariff was really lowered, should be buried as deeply as possible in a mass of unexplained statistics. But it is to the advantage of every honest manufacturer and merchant who is seeking stability in business and fair opportunity to make a reasonable profit that the truth should be made known. Just such policies of official evasion and suppression have made possible in the past the juggling of tariff legislation by and in behalf of the privileged few.

It is undisputed that the cotton schedule as written in the house ways and means committee by Representative Serrano E. Payne of New York did not provide the full measure of "revision downward" that the Republican party had promised. Still it was not until after the Payne bill went to the senate finance committee, of which Mr. Aldrich was chairman, that the "interests" got in their most deadly work. It is well known that Senator Aldrich freely consulted, if he did not actually permit, the Lippitt-McColl interests to write into the amended bill the duties affecting their own products—the fancy weaves made by only a few of the largest and richest New England mills.—New York World.

Will Campaign in New York. New York, Aug. 2.—Governor Woodrow Wilson will make his first invasion of New York for campaign purposes when he will be the guest of honor at the Workingmen's Woodrow Wilson club of the lower east side at a

FIRE DANGER AT SEA.

How Flames Can Sweep the Inside of Even a Metal Ship.

The danger from fire on a transatlantic liner is more serious than is generally believed. It is much greater than the danger from collision and is becoming more and more dangerous with the increased outlay upon luxury and display. The main structure of the ship and most of its essential parts are of metal, but many of the fittings, nearly every feature of ornament and every trappings of luxury, are highly inflammable.

No one who has not been aboard the Spanish wrecks at Santiago can conceive how fire can sweep the inside of even a metal ship. Admiral Cervera described to me the experience on board the Teresa in these words: "The second shot that came on board set us on fire. The fire main was damaged. Soon we were unable to cope with the fire. It swept through her from bow to stern. There was not a space as big as the palm of your hand where life could have been sustained. An insect could not have lived on board. We had to get overboard or be burned."

It is true the Spaniards had not cut out their woodwork and thrown overboard all unnecessary inflammables, as we had in the American fleet, but the inflammability of one of their warships was much less than that of a luxurious ocean liner.—Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson in Engineering Magazine.

PINEAPPLE PLANTS.

They Do Not Die After Fruiting, but Reproduce Themselves.

Pineapples do not grow on trees. Imagine a plant four feet in extreme height from the ground to the tip of leaves, a single stalk at the surface, but dividing at once into swordlike blades or leaves, fifteen in number, from the center of which appears a stiff, upright stem, at the top of which is the fruit. This stem is short, and the crown of the fruit when fully grown is a foot or more below the points of the leaves.

At the end of a year and a half from planting each plant produces a single fruit, even as a cabbage plant produces a single head. But the pineapple does not die after fruiting once. Down on the stem below the fruit and among the long, narrow leaves a sucker appears. If allowed to remain this will soon become the head of the plant, and within another year it will yield another fruit. This process may go on for a term of years. In the meantime, however, other suckers will make their appearance.

These are broken off, and when stuck into the ground they put out roots and become other plants. Thus a single pineapple plant may produce a dozen or more others while it is yielding fruit from year to year.

The Intruder. A certain boat coming up the Mississippi one day during a flood lost her way and bumped up against a frame house. She hadn't more than touched it before an old darty rammed his head up through a hole in the roof, where the chimney once came out, and yelled at the captain on the roof: "What's you gwine wid dat boat? Can't you see nothin'? Fust thing you knows you gwine to turn dis house ober, spill de old woman an' de chil'en out in de flood an' drown 'em. What you doin' out here in de country wid your boat, anyhow? Go on back yander froo de co'nfields an' get back into de ribber whar you belongs. Ah! got no business see'n miles out in de country foolin' roun' people's houses now!" And the boat backed out—Life.

The Largest Described Snake. Speke in his narrative of the journey to the source of the Nile describes the largest snake that has ever been seen by man. "I shuddered," he says, "as I looked upon the effects of his tremendous dying strength. For yards around where he lay grass, bushes and saplings—in fact, everything except full grown trees—were cut clean off, as if they had been trimmed with an immense scythe. The monster when measured was fifty-one feet two and one-half inches in extreme length, while around the thickest portions of its body the girth was nearly three feet."

Eton and Harrow. One of the Eton and Harrow school cricket matches recalls an amusing incident. Eton had a monotonous series of wins for some years, and one day the Harrow captain received the following:

O ye boys of Harrow school, Of cricket ye have no knowledge! It is not cricket, but the fool, You play against Eton college. The Harrow school poet was hunted out and commanded to send a fitting reply. This clever response made him famous:

If, as you say, we play the fool, No wonder we were beaten, For at that game no other school Could e'er compete with Eton.

Disgrace is immortal and living ever when one thinks it dead.—Plautus.

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its particular weave or class. Ninety-five all cotton and five silk and cotton samples comprise the 100 that appear in the tariff board's cotton report.

Forty-seven of the ninety-five in the all cotton class pay 33.60 per cent higher duties under the Payne-Aldrich than they did under the Dingley tariff.

Payne-Aldrich "Jokers."

Of these forty-seven classes of material on which the tariff was increased nine are the fancy weaves made in three or four New England mills commonly grouped as the "Lippitt-McColl interests." This is the clique of New England manufacturer-politicians who were permitted by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich to write the cotton schedule to suit themselves.

Of the nine Lippitt-McColl fabrics the Payne-Aldrich law jacked up the average duty from 30.57 to 60.33 per cent. In other words, the promised "revision downward" on these goods was really a revision upward amounting to 64.97 per cent of the Dingley rates.

The remaining thirty-eight classes of all cotton fabrics on which the duty was increased were not generally the product of the favored New England ring. Under the Dingley law these thirty-eight fabrics were assessed an average duty of 35.38 per cent. Under the Payne-Aldrich law they pay 44.58 per cent—a revision upward equal to 23.07 per cent of the former rate as compared with 64.97 per cent increase on manufactures of the favored few.

On just three among the 100 samples was there a decrease in duty. These were the silk and cotton fabrics (silk mills) that pay more than 100 per cent duty. On these three samples the reduction averaged 5.06 per cent on the former duty—a reduction from 116.70 per cent under the Dingley law to 110.44 per cent under the Payne-Aldrich law. On one of the silk and cotton samples there was an increase amounting to 21.08 per cent. The fifth of the silk and cotton samples was left unchanged.

On the forty-five of the ninety-five all cotton samples there was no change in duty.

On the three remaining samples (completing the total of 100) no comparison is made because of apparent lack of authentic foreign prices.

And still President Taft said in his speech at Boston, April 25 last: "It (the Payne-Aldrich bill) was a question; congress could make its own computations. The official explanation for refusing to publish the table showing whether the tariff had been raised or lowered was that the market fluctuations made it of no value. This was only a quibble, because the respective tariff acts were so arranged that the increase in duty on a sliding scale kept pace with the price fluctuations."

The tariff board chose to print tables that would show only the assessment of duty under the two acts and left it to anybody who desires the information to figure out for himself the significant facts above set forth.

Benefit Only to Privilege. From every point of view of the

summer to be held at the Cane Boulevard on Sept. 4. Governor Wilson will deal, it is expected, with the problems of immigration and the false impressions that have been put upon his views by the quotations of isolated sentences from his different books.

STEALING A RAILROAD.

Not in a Financial Way, but by Carrying it Off Bodily.

No stranger theft was ever committed than the "lifting" of an entire railroad, twelve and one-half miles in length, which once connected Birr and Portumna, in Ireland.

The line had cost \$450,000, and for years it did service for the Great Southern and Western Railway company until the year 1870, when the company, which had been running it at a loss, washed its hands of it. The line was derelict. Nobody wanted it. For a few years it stretched its useless length through north Tipperary. Then its neighbors began to turn covetous eyes on it.

Bolts and screws and other portable trifles began to vanish. A few prosecutions were instituted, but the charges were withdrawn. Nobody seemed to care. The thieves, thus encouraged, grew bolder. Farmers brought their carts and horses and loaded them with spoils of rails, sleepers, switches and semaphores. One goodly station vanished, to its last brick and door, in a single night.

They were great times for Tipperary. Boatloads of booty, hundreds of tons of rails, were sent away from Portumna by unlicensed "contractors," and the work of spoliation went on until not as much as a turntable was left.—Argonaut.

Looking Ahead.

It was the first night of a new play. "I say," remarked the author to the manager, "that scene shifter over there is a most peculiar looking fellow." "Yes; he's an Eskimo," said the manager. "An Eskimo! What on earth made you take him on?" "Oh, I thought it would be a comfort to see one happy face if the play turns out to be a frost!"

Cases in Point.

Rivers—Brooks, that's the second time I've heard you use the phrase "aching cold." I wish you would tell me how a cold can ache.

Brooks—Well, not to speak of a hollow tooth, don't you sometimes have a headache?—London Telegraph.

In the Mountains.

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.—John Muir.

He—Women have no real judgment in serious matters. She—Yes, and men count on that when they ask women to marry them.—Baltimore American.